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SUBJ: IMPENDING CLOSURE OR SALE OF SINGER BUSINESS MACHINES
COMPANY IN NIJMEGEN

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SUMMARY: SBN MANAGEMENT BELIEVES THAT LABOR/PUBLICITY PROBLEM OF CLOSURE OF NIJMEGEN PLANS HAS BEEN DEFUSED. ON BASIS OF INVENTORY, THEY EXPECT WORK TO CONTINUE UNTIL EARLY 1975. FOR ABOVE TWO REASONS THEY NOW HAVE TIME TO WORK OUT DISPOSITION OF FACTORY. BROWN IS PRESENTLY IN NEW YORK TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE SINGER PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE USE.

1. SINGER VICE PRESIDENT BROWN HAS KEPT BOTH EMBASSY AND ECONOMIC MINISTRY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS STEP BY STEP AND NOW CONCLUDES THAT LABOR/PUBLICITY PROBLEM HAS BEEN DEFUSED. HE HAS GIVEN FULL PICTURE OF PRODUCTION PROBLEM AND PLAN FOR SOLUTION TO MINISTRY, MAYOR OF NIJMEGEN, MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION, WORKS COUNCIL OF FACTORY, UNION HEADQUARTERS, AND EMPLOYEES OF FACTORY. HE BELIEVES HE HAS RECOGNITION FROM ALL SIDES OF NECESSITY TO SOLVE PRO-
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DUCTION PROBLEM INCLUDING CLOSING DOWN OF FACTORY AS LAST RESORT.

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HE STATES BOTH WORKS COUNCIL AND UNION HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO GO
ALONG WITH PLAN.

2. INVENTORY SURVEY INDICATES WORK SHOULD CONTINUE THROUGH END OF
YEAR TO DREAW DOWN MATERIALS AT HAND TO CLOSING POINT. METHOD
MAY BE FOUND TO CONTINUE OPERATION STILL LONGER. WITH DEFUSING
OF LABOR THREAT AND CONTINUING OPERATION FOR LIMITED PERIOD,
BROWN FEELS THAT TIME HAS BEEN BOUGHT FOR THOROUGH EXPLORATION
OF FUTURE USE OF FACILITY AND, FAILING THAT, OF DISPOSITION
BY SALE TO ANOTHER MANUFACTURER. BROWN IS IN NEW YORK THIS WEEK
AND NEXT FOR PURPOSE OF COVERING ALL POSSIBILITIES OF USE BY
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